

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### CHAPTER 300 - Resources

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## 300.06 INCOME VS RESOURCES

It is important to distinguish between resources and income to know which counting rules to use for any given month. The same item is not evaluated under two sets of counting rules for the same month; that is, one item cannot be counted as both income and a resource in the same month:

- **Income Counting Rules** – Items received in cash or in-kind during a month are evaluated under the income rules.
- **Resource Counting Rules** – Items retained for use in the month following the month of receipt are subject to evaluation under resource rules, as are all other items not defined as income.

### 300.06.01 DISTINGUISHING RESOURCES FROM INCOME

If an individual sells, exchanges, or replaces a resource, what he receives in return is not income; rather, it is a different form of resource. In order to distinguish resources from income, a determination must be on what has occurred and the monetary gain.

The monetary gain would be considered a resource when it:

- Was an increase in value of an existing resource;
- Was for the receipt or replacement of a resource;
- Was from the conversion or sale of a resource; or
- Was a cash or in-kind item for the replacement or repair of an excluded resource which is lost, damaged or stolen. (This is discussed further later in this chapter.)

**NOTE:** Dividends and interest are defined as returns on investments, stocks, bonds, and savings accounts, etc. Refer to the income section for handling.